

**Lake Superior State University  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Considine Hall  
LaJoie Board Room  
August 7, 2019**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in special session beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 in the LaJoie Board Room of Considine Hall, Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and with Board of Trustees members connected via zoom conference. The meeting was pursuant to Section 1.03 of the Bylaws of said Board.

Section numbers and headings of these minutes correspond to the agenda. A copy of the proposed agenda was distributed to each Trustee at the public session of August 7, 2019. Any material considered by the Board, which was distributed at the time of the meeting, is so designated in these minutes. Copies of all such material are contained as appendices to these minutes.

At the call to order there were a few members in the audience.

**I. Roll Call**

Ms. Ann Parker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., and asked Ms. Lauren Pierce to call the roll. The following members responded “present”:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey  
Mr. Richard Barch  
Mr. Timothy Lukenda  
Dr. Mark W. Mercer  
Mr. Rodney M. Nelson  
Ms. Ann Parker  
Mr. Randy Pingatore  
Ms. Sandi Frost Steensma  
Dr. Rodney S. Hanley, President and Ex-Officio

Eight Trustees were recorded as present. Ms. Parker and Ms. Frost Steensma were connected via Zoom conference. Ms. Frost Steensma later joined the meeting in person at 9:26 a.m. Present for the University were Dr. Lynn Gillette, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Dr. Ashley Moerke, Director for the Center for Freshwater Research and Education (CFRE).

**II. Approval of the Agenda for August 7, 2019**

Mr. Nelson moved for Board approval to amend the agenda for August 7, 2019 as follows:

Under VI. Closed Session, reverse the order of presentations.

The motion was supported by Mr. Pingatore. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

**III. Addresses to the Board**

There was none.

**IV. Chair's Remarks**

There was none.

**V. President's Remarks**

Dr. Hanley provided various campus updates including:

- Pleased to report that the Brownfield funding under EGLE has been approved with additional environmental fits scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> with shovels in the ground shortly thereafter.
- Employee Evaluations have been completed for the Senior Management Team (SMT)
- The new Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Michael Beazley, started on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Hanley shared his Congratulations to his new role.
- Dr. Hanley has been invited to participate on the interview panel for the new Sault Ste. Marie City Manager.
- LSSU renewed an ongoing reduced tuition agreement for the US Coast Guard and their spouses for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.
- Dr. Hanley was invited to speak at the fall luncheon for the Chamber of Commerce, alongside Speaker Lee Chatfield.
- Most recently, the Bud Cooper Golf Tournament took place this past weekend with a very unique outcome of a hole in one winner that took home two new vehicles from two separate sponsors on the same hole.
- Lastly the SMT participated in an all-day strategic planning retreat, with great discussion and the beginning stages of the planning process with the campus community.

**VI. Closed Session**

Mr. Bailey motioned for Board approval to go to closed session at 8:38 a.m.; supported by Mr. Pingatore. The Chair requested a roll call vote. The results of the roll call vote were:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey	“Yes”
Mr. Richard Barch	“Yes”
Mr. Timothy Lukenda	“Yes”
Dr. Mark W. Mercer	“Yes”
Mr. Rodney M. Nelson	“Yes”
Ms. Ann Parker	“Yes”
Mr. Randy Pingatore	“Yes”
Ms. Sandi Frost Steensma	“Yes”

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The motion carried with unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Frost Steensma arrived in person at 9:26 a.m.

Mr. Pingtore departed the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Ms. Parker departed the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Mr. Bailey chaired.

Ms. Frost Steensma motioned for Board approval to reconvene in Open Session at 11:34 a.m. with six trustees present; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lukenda moved a Board resolution, underscoring the board's support for the CFRE program and CFRE building project while also reinforcing the Board's expectation that the President will work with the administration, faculty, staff and foundation to develop a self-sustaining financial model which incorporates tuition, grants, philanthropy, and contract work; supported by Ms. Frost Steensma. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bailey shared the Board's intent from today's meeting, stating that the board heard a great detail of information about CFRE from the Director of CFRE and the Provost. The Provost presented a number of financial models for sustainability of the program. The board appreciates that presentation and seized on the model that involves several years of transition to sustainability and will be drafting a resolution to be run through the executive committee and the Board to be adopted, as inspired by the vision that Dr. Moerke presented to insure success.

**VII. Other Business**

There was none.

**VII. Adjournment**

Dr. Mercer moved for adjournment at 11:37 a.m.; supported by Ms. Frost Steensma. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

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Ann Parker, Chair

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Rodney S. Hanley, President

Minutes prepared by Ms. Lauren Pierce, Secretary. A draft of these minutes was completed at 2:00 p.m. on August 14, 2019.